

Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

September 22, 2024



25[™] SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and butting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

Clergy

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Rectory Office Hours

Weekdays: 9:00am-9:00pm (closed 12:45pm-1:30pm)

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,

2:30pm (Spanish), Noon,

and 7:00pm

Daily: 6:30am, 8:15am, and Noon

Saturdays: 8:30am

Federal Holidays: 6:30am and 8:15am

Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:15am, Noon,

5:00pm, and 7:00pm

Low-Gluten Hosts

Those who need low-gluten hosts are asked to come stand at the Sacred Heart statue for Communion.

Adoration

Wednesdays and Thursdays:

12:30pm-8:00pm

First Fridays:

9:00am-Noon

7:30pm to 8:30am on Saturday (All

Night Adoration)

Holy Hours

Sundays: 5:00pm

Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

Confessions

Wednesdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm Thursdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Fridays: 11:00am-11:45am

Saturdays: 3:30pm-4:30pm and

6:30pm-7:30pm

Baptisms

Baptisms are done every Sunday. Please contact the Rectory office to begin making arrangements prior to the child's birth. Registration in the parish is required prior to scheduling. Both parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal program and are encouraged to do so before the birth of their child.

Marriage

Contact the Rectory office for information and to begin marriage preparation with one of our priests. Marriage preparation is a sixmonth program. No date will be set for the wedding until a priest has met with the couple.

Visit the Worship menu on our website for more details, stjamescatholic.org/

sacraments/.

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Parish Registration

To register with the parish or to update your contact information, call the Rectory office or email them at receptionist@stjamescatholic.org.

The Pope's September Prayer Intention

For the cry of the Earth—We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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On The Way

Anima Christi: At the hour of my death, call me

How does one respond to death's arrival? That's been a question ever since death entered the world. Some people avoid or rage against it as the intrusion on their autonomy that it clearly is. There's perhaps no greater reminder of our creatureliness. Increasingly, some people welcome, hasten, or even cause their own death as a way of asserting control. The Catholic response to death is markedly different.

As a newly ordained priest I once had to interrupt a school visit to visit a dying parishioner. On my next visit to the class, a student asked what had happened. I explained that I had been called away to visit a dying woman and that she had died "a happy death." As soon as the phrase left my mouth, I knew how odd – and important - it was for them to hear. Every Catholic should have in mind not only the notion of but also the hope for a happy death.

In the Hail Mary we ask for our Lady's help now and at the hour of our death. That's no perfunctory request. The moment of death is when the rubber meets the road, when we "appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body" (2 Cor 5:10). We want to be ready for that. Hence the old prayer, traditionally prayed at the gravesite, that we be delivered "from a sudden and unprovided death.'

But that's just a baseline. We should desire that our death be happy in the sense that when it comes, we are reconciled with God, confident in his mercy, and anxious to see him. So, in the Anima Christi we pray, at the hour of my death, call me. Implicit in this petition is, of course, our desire to be with him. But what a wonderful thing to consider as we die, that he wants to see us, that he beckons us to come to him. We should be cultivating that desire now.

Again, the Anima Christi is traditionally a post-communion prayer. So, by this petition we pray that one fruit of our Holy Communion is the grace of a happy death. When a priest brings Holy Communion to the dying, it's traditionally called *Viaticum* or "Food for the journey." It is the nourishment the soul needs for the journey from this world to the next. In a broader sense, every reception of Communion is *Viaticum*. The Eucharist strengthens our hope, our supernatural confidence in God's mercy, so that we don't approach death with despair, rage, or self-will.

It might strike some as macabre to think about death and pray for how we are going to die. But we're all going to die. Unfortunately, we're not all going to die well. The "Death With Dignity" movement is promoting euthanasia – suicide – as a way to a peaceful death. But it doesn't bring happiness at all. It simply means that one enters into eternity self-willed and therefore opposed to God.

This petition should alert us to what those around us need. Fewer children in society mean fewer people to care for the elderly and to be with them as they die. This is a crisis in Japan, where almost 40,000 people died alone in their homes this year. So, we should think not only about our own happy death but also about how we can care for those nearing the end. Our presence and prayers can help ease the fear of death. Our securing a priest to bring them the sacraments can help them die happily, in the arms of the Lord.

- Fr. Scalia

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Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 21

Mass for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +John McKeon

Sunday, September 22

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Diane and Shirley Fingers

9:00am +John Ulincy 10:30am Pro Populo Noon Special Intention 2:30pm Corinne Sana

7:00pm +Norma Guerrero Lacson

Monday, September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina

6:30am +Edward Laso 8:15am Special Intention Noon Zita Sare Grebogi

Tuesday, September 24

Tuesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

6:30am +Loly Costas and Ana Maria Garcia

8:15am +Guido DeAscanis Noon +Kenny Donovan

Wednesday, September 25

Wednesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

6:30am +Amadeo DeAscanis 8:15am Annegelica Ibe Noon +Mary McGlone

Thursday, September 26 SS Cosmas and Damian

6:30am +Delia Gallagher 8:15am +Oberto Blanco

Noon +Ilona and Andy Prishack

Friday, September 27 St. Vincent de Paul

6:30am +Giuliana Di Damaso 8:15am +Dr. Thomas Ellison Noon +Humberto Daboin

Saturday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

8:30am +Irene Ulincy

Mass for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Debbie Blankenship

Sunday, September 29

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Joseph Patrick Liverman

9:00am +Sosamma Mathen, Zacharia T. Coipuram,

and Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.

10:30am Pro Populo Noon +Mary Rose Keating 2:30pm +Kathleen Lynch 7:00pm +Wayne Minear **Today's Readings**

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

"The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is..."

Psalm Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

"The Lord upholds my life."

Second Reading Jas 3:16—4:3

"Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,"

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

"Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey..."

Readings for the Week

Visit www.bible.usccb.org/readings for the daily readings, responsorial psalms, and gospels for the upcoming week.

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon Katherine Garren Phillip Perot Thomas Rackowski Joyce Babiak Laura Lareau Beatriz Basso Alex Lohman Conley Rohall Cory Bautista Jose G. Martinez Russell Ross Betty Brunton Nicholas McDonough Kathleen Seroskie Carmine Carosella Mildred Melmer Robyn Stewart Jane C. Checkan Gloria Mora Kathy Thomas Julie Neil **Brendan Collins** Julia Umana Lauren Vinci Christopher Deloye Rachel Noonan Mona Demien Esther Olivos Liv Wash Mike Dudzik Janet Owen Anne Marie Willis Roberta Dunn Jim Owen Richard Ziegler Erik Funk Carter Parry

the deceased of our parish family

Anthony Antenucci Stephen Koehnke Judith Karinshak Charles Daniel McMahon

and those serving our country

This includes veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service. For changes or updates, email Tina Doak, communications@stjamescatholic.org.

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF CDR Thomas Dixon SSgt Joshua Conrad, USAF Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

Retired

CPT William H. Johnson, USA 1st Lt. Charles Molineaux, USA



Saint James Prayer Chain

Become a praying member of the Saint James Prayer Chain. We are dedicated to praying for the intentions of our parish families and their loved ones. For more information, visit the *Saint James Prayer Chain* page under Faith Formation on www.stjamescatholic.org.

To sign up to be a praying member, visit http://eepurl.com/gURddD

• To submit a request to the Prayer Chain, email PrayerChain@saintjamesschool.org



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Parish News

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Enter more fully into Christ's life in an 8-week study of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. The Ascension Press study "Romans: The Gospel of Salvation" includes DVD presentations by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins. A workbook is available for purchase in class for \$28. Meetings are held weekly on Wednesday mornings from 10:00am-11:30am in the Knecht Conference Room. Bring your own Bible.

Contact Jane Harvey, harveyjmc@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Weekday Adoration Parking Notice

If you are attending adoration on Wednesday or

Thursday afternoons between 2:30pm and 3:30pm, please refrain from using Lot A parking across from the church.



During this time, Lot A is used for school dismissal.

Cars start arriving around 2:30pm for car line.





Ecumenical Study and Planning Group

The Saint James Ecumenical Study and Planning Group invites you to join them as they read and discuss the encyclical letter *Ut unum sint* ("That they may be one") of Pope John Paul II. The group will meet monthly on the fourth Monday beginning September 23rd from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

Email Julie Conroy, <u>jmtconroy@gmail.com</u>, for more information.

Saint James School Openings

Saint James School has openings for this school year for part-time extended day/recess staff. Hours of employment are 10:30am-1:00pm and 2:45pm-6:00pm Monday through Friday and 11:00am-6:00pm on early dismissal school days. Duties include supervising students during outdoor recess and during indoor activities that include snack time, homework help, playing games, and arts and crafts. Applicants must have experience working with children and must be at least 18 years of age. Rate is \$17 per hour. This is a great job if you like summers as well as Christmas and Easter breaks off.

To apply or obtain more detail about this position, visit the Arlington Diocesan website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/faculty-and-staff-openings-in-catholic-schools and type "St. James" in the search area.

For more information, email Sister Kathryn, <u>sisterkathryn@saintjamesschool.org</u>.

Co-ed Bible Study

Join the co-ed bible study group **Saturday** mornings from 10:00am-12:00pm in the Parish House kitchen, which is in the back of the house and up the stairs. The group discusses the upcoming Sunday Mass readings.

If you are planning to attend for the first time, email Jeremy Dow, yeyuchushi@gmail.com, to confirm the group will meet on the Saturday you plan to join. Although it is rare that sessions are canceled, it does occur.

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Young Adults Retreat

Come Climb with us! Join us at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center for a weekend of spiritual adventure. Together we will scale the peaks and navigate the chasms of the spiritual life as we ascend "the Heights" to Christ with Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Fr. Joseph Townsend, Parochial Vicar at the Basilica of St. Mary in Alexandria, and our own Father John Paul will guide you to the summit, and for more adventurous souls—come along on a Sunday afternoon excursion to the summit of a Blue Ridge Peak!

Date: October 18 6:00pm to October 20 1:00pm

Where: San Damiano Retreat Center White Post, VA 22663

Cost: \$285

For further information or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines, mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

Seniors Young at Heart October Meeting Change

Due to the Saint James Bazaar the week of our meeting, there will not be an October's Senior Dinner. As an alternative, we are planning to see an afternoon movie on Wednesday that week at the

Cinema Arts Theater
Fair City Mall
9650-14 Main Street, Fairfax, VA

The price is \$6.00 (movie and time TBD). Please check October bulletin.

Mamma Lucia's Restaurant is next to the theater for those who would like to have lunch.

Wednesday, October 16th
Lunch & Movie (TBD)
Fair City Mall
9650 Main Street, Fairfax

Life Corner

40 Days for Life begins this Wednesday, September 25th. Come and join peaceful vigils from 7:00am-7:00pm in front of abortion businesses during the 40 Days for Life Campaign. One such place is 900 S. Washington Street in Falls Church, located within our parish boundaries. On Wednesdays, our parish day, with your presence we can keep constant vigil throughout this campaign. However, you can come any day of the week, at any time that fits your schedule. Pray the Rosary peacefully and reverently on the sidewalk in front of the building. The campaign continues through November 3rd. To learn more about 40 Days for Life, visit www.40daysforlife.com.

Pray a Hail Mary this week for courage and perseverance in pro-life work.

Life Chain

On October 6th (Respect Life Sunday) from 2:00pm-3:00pm, please come and take part in our annual Life Chain—a peaceful and prayerful witness to life! We will gather at the corner of Broad Street (Rt. 7) and Spring Street (by Saint James School) where we will have positive pro-life signs available. After our opening prayer, take a sign and stand alongside Broad Street, holding your sign toward the on-coming traffic, and pray for an end to abortion. Similar Life Chains will be taking place across the country at the same time. Feel free to bring a chair, but do not block pedestrian traffic. Email or call Rich Hunter, StJamesLife@gmail.com or 571-423-6482, with any questions.



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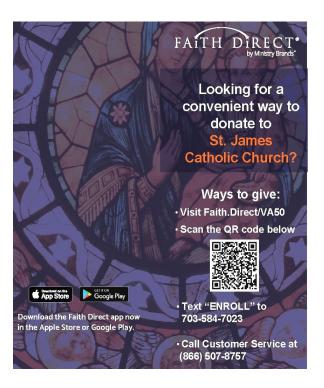
Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Maintenance Fund Second Collection

This weekend, **September 21-22**, we will have a second collection for our Parish Maintenance Fund. It is a challenge for our facilities staff to maintain seven buildings, all in constant, heavy use. Your faithful support of our beautiful, historic Church and School—both over 100 years old—is greatly appreciated.

To donate online via Faith Direct, please visit https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/3365.





Porto Charities Second Collection

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

The second collection in two weekends, **October 5-6**, will benefit Porto Charities, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing access to diocesan Catholic schools for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Our schools need financial support to provide the additional resources to support these students, and all of your donation this weekend will help them create or expand their inclusion programs for the coming year. Since 2009, Porto Charities has given more than \$1.2 million in grants to all four of our Catholic high schools and more than fifteen elementary schools including our parish school. By supporting Porto Charities, you are enabling our diocese to continue to serve those who want and deserve the tremendous benefit of a Catholic education.

To donate online via Faith Direct, visit membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/44791.



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Saint James Catholic School EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

"Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child."

We had a successful Nun Fun Run on September 7th. All proceeds are used to help support our retired IHM Sisters at Camilla Hall. It was a wonderful morning and well-attended by our SJS community. We warmed up, ran the mile + through Falls Church City, and finished with high fives and donuts! Thank you to Sheriff Cay and his team for blocking roads and keeping us safe. A special thank you to our donor couple for covering the \$3,000 city cost!















Top: Sherriff Cay and his team; Bottom: Sheriff Cay with the Nun Fun Run organizers





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Youth Ministry



High School





Middle School





The Saint James Catholic Church Youth Ministry Program strives to foster the life of the Spirit in the development of the human person by:

- Assisting families in the responsibility of raising youth in the faith
- Teaching youth to pray/encounter
- · Connecting youth with their peers practicing the faith

We value parent involvement in our activities.

VIRTUS-trained adults are encouraged to chaperone or plan events.

Check out our website: https://stjamescatholic.org/faith/youth-ministry/

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Nationals' Faith Day

Our Saint James Youth Ministry coordinated attending a NATS Faith Day over Labor Day weekend. About 50 Saint James parishioners had a terrific time at the game. It was great to cheer on the NATS as a parish. Even though the Cubs won 5-3, it was lots of fun. Our group also had a surprise visit from Screech in our section. If you could not join us this time, we hope you will next year!











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EVENTS SCHEDULE

OCT 5

PET BLESSING

9:30AM-10:00AM ON CHURCH LAWN

OCT 6

DONUT SUNDAY RETURNS

AFTER 9:00AM & 10:30AM MASSES

OCT 16-19

SAINT JAMES BAZAAR

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN BULLETIN

OCT 23

PARISH SPEAKER: HELEN ALVARE

7:00PM-8:30PM | MSGR. HELLER HALL

OCT 24

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL ALUMNI RECEPTION

7:00PM-8:30PM | MSGR. HELLER HALL

NOV 2

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

SATURDAY NOON MASS

NOV 5

ELECTION DAY-ALL DAY ADORATION

STARTING AFTER 8:15AM MASS

For more details, visit StJamesCatholic.org or see upcoming bulletins

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Saint James Catholic Church

Come visit our Ministry Fair

(in conjunction with November's Donut Sunday)



Everyone has a talent or gift. Our parish has many opportunities for everyone to get involved! Be a part of our vibrant parish community.

If your ministry would like to participate, email sramsel@stjamescatholic.org, visit stjamescatholic.org/parish-ministry-fair-november-3rd, or scan the QR code.



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

Sunday, November 3rd after 9:00am & 10:30am Masses Monsignor Heller Hall







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Saint James Catholic Church Social Outreach Committee





Present...



Come show your knowledge of all things Catholic! Impress your family, amaze your friends! And support the important work of Catholic Charities!

Adults Only. Teams of 8-10 encouraged. Registration REQUIRED by October 23rd.

Minimum Entry fee/person: a hygiene pack or bulk hygiene items containing (no trial sizes)-

- -Dish Soap (14+ oz)
- -Toilet Paper (1+ rolls)
- -Paper Towels (1+ rolls)
- -Cleaning wipes (80+ sheets)
- -Laundry Detergent (30-50 oz)
- -Deodorant
- -Shampoo
- -bars of Soap
- -Body wash
- -Diapers-size 1

Goods will be taken at Check-in.
Thank you for being generous!

Highlighted items are Critical Need

Doors open @6 pm

October 25th | 6:45-8:45 pm

Heller Hall @ Saint James Catholic Church

Bring food & beverages to share!

830 West Broad Street, Falls Church, VA 22046

To Register: https://forms.gle/KnrzZhsJQYFW3zsA9



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Parish Calendar		
Monday, September 23		
5:00pm-5:30pm	Youth Reader Practice	Parish House
7:00pm-8:15am	High School Theology	School Library
Tuesday, September 24		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
10:00am-11:15am	Seniors Young at Heart Planning Meeting	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	Msgr. Heller Hall/School
7:00pm-8:45pm	Mothers of Young Children	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, September 25		
10:00am-11:30am	Women's Weekly Study	Knecht
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	OCIA	Knecht
7:00pm-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
Thursday, September 26		
10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Knecht
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Reading Room
7:00pm-9:00pm	Young Professionals	Parish House
Friday, September 27		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
Saturday, September 28		
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
Sunday, September 29	G (ID) (I FI (GPPEP)	TT 1.
10:15am-11:00am	Special Religious Education (SPRED)	Knecht
12:00pm-2:00pm	Hispanic OCIA	Knecht
1:00pm-2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School
3:30pm-5:30pm 4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Youth-Girls Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

Rocket Class Golf Tournament 2024

It is not too late to sign up for the Rocket Classic Golf tournament on Friday, October 25th, at 1:00pm at sisptova.ejoinme.org/2024RocketClassic. It will be held at Westfields Golf Club in Clifton, VA.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Promote your business to an audience of over 3,500 school, parish, and community supporters.

All proceeds from this event support Saint James Catholic School, funding education and enrichment resources for students and teachers.

All levels of golfers are welcome.



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